

REFERENCE TITLE: hospital patients; determination of coverage

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## **HB 2843**

Introduced by  
Representatives Driggs: Adams, Barto, Burns J, Clark, Crandall, Mason,  
Tobin, Yarbrough

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 36-414; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 36-414, to read:

4 36-414. Hospital patients; determination of coverage;  
5 disclosure; exception

6 A. A HOSPITAL THAT IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER SHALL DO THE  
7 FOLLOWING WHEN IT ADMITS A PATIENT TO THE HOSPITAL:

8 1. DETERMINE IF THE PHYSICIAN WHO IS ASSIGNED TO THE PATIENT HAS A  
9 CONTRACT WITH THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL INSURANCE PROVIDER.

10 2. IF THE PHYSICIAN WHO IS ASSIGNED TO THE PATIENT DOES NOT HAVE A  
11 CONTRACT WITH THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL INSURANCE, NOTIFY THE PATIENT VERBALLY  
12 AND IN WRITING OF THIS FACT. THE NOTIFICATION SHALL INCLUDE A LIST OF  
13 AVAILABLE PHYSICIANS WHO HAVE A CONTRACT WITH THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL INSURANCE  
14 PROVIDER AND SHALL INFORM THE PATIENT THAT THE PATIENT MAY REQUEST THAT THE  
15 HOSPITAL ASSIGN ONE OF THESE PHYSICIANS TO THE PATIENT.

16 3. DISCLOSE TO THE PATIENT IN WRITING AND VERBALLY THE APPROXIMATE  
17 COST OF THE PATIENT'S HOSPITALIZATION THAT IS NOT COVERED BY THE PATIENT'S  
18 MEDICAL INSURANCE AND THAT WILL BE THE PATIENT'S RESPONSIBILITY.

19 B. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO EMERGENCY ADMISSIONS TO A HOSPITAL.